



## State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF AUBURN**  
**SEWER REPLACEMENT AND SANITARY SERVICE LATERAL LINE RELOCATION**  
**Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1**  
**SRF Project # WW 09 06 12 03**

**Date: April 15, 2013**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in material supplied by Auburn dated March 21, 2013, and received by the SRF on April 1, 2013, will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

*Why is additional environmental review not required?*

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

*How do I submit comments?*

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	<b>Sewer Replacement and Sanitary Service Lateral Line Relocation</b> <b>Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1</b> City of Auburn 210 E. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Auburn, IN 46706
SRF Project Number:	WW09 06 12 03
Authorized Representative:	Mayor Norman Yoder

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

Auburn is located in DeKalb County in northeast Indiana. The sewer replacement is on Van Buren Street, and the sanitary service lateral line relocation will occur at 409 North Street near Van Buren Street. See Figure 1.

### III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The city originally planned to line the Van Buren Street sewer, rather than replace it. Internal televising inspection later showed that the combined sewer is too structurally deteriorated for rehabilitation, and the city must replace 217 feet of line. The sanitary service lateral line needs relocating because it discharges to a storm sewer instead of a sanitary sewer.

### IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The contracted cost for the project \$84,078. The city will fund this project with funds remaining in its SRF Loan that closed on October 15, 2009.

### V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see Figure 2. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, is: "no historic properties affected."

### VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The proposed Van Buren Street sewer lining project was part of a larger combined sewer separation project funded by an Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) grant. As part of the Public Participation requirements for that grant, the city published a Finding of No Significant Impact in the Auburn Star on January 12, 2012.



# 217 ft sewer replacement Van Buren St. instead of lining



FIGURE 1: Project Area



# Auburn Scattered Sites, Map 1 (54001-080)

Manufacturing Company. Around the turn of the 20th century, several of these businesses restructured their organizations and began testing, designing, and producing some of the United States' earliest and most innovative automobiles. The most prominent company was the Auburn Automobile Company, an extension of the Eckhart Carriage Company, which was incorporated in 1903. By 1919 the company's sales had dramatically declined and the business was sold to a group of Chicago investors. In 1924, the investors hired a young, eager entrepreneur named Errett Lobban Cord to manage and turn around the struggling corporation. Cord not only saved the struggling corporation, he quadrupled the company's automobile sales and developed it into the 11th largest export company in the United States.

Today, Auburn retains many noteworthy historic structures, including several exceptional residential, commercial, and municipal properties. Auburn is home to two outstanding Art Deco structures, the Auburn Electric & Waterworks (54141) and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Factory (54149), and several architecturally significant houses, including the Dr. Irvin Butcher House (54081), the Old Madden House (54091), and two extraordinary French Eclectic houses on Midway Drive (54005, 54009).

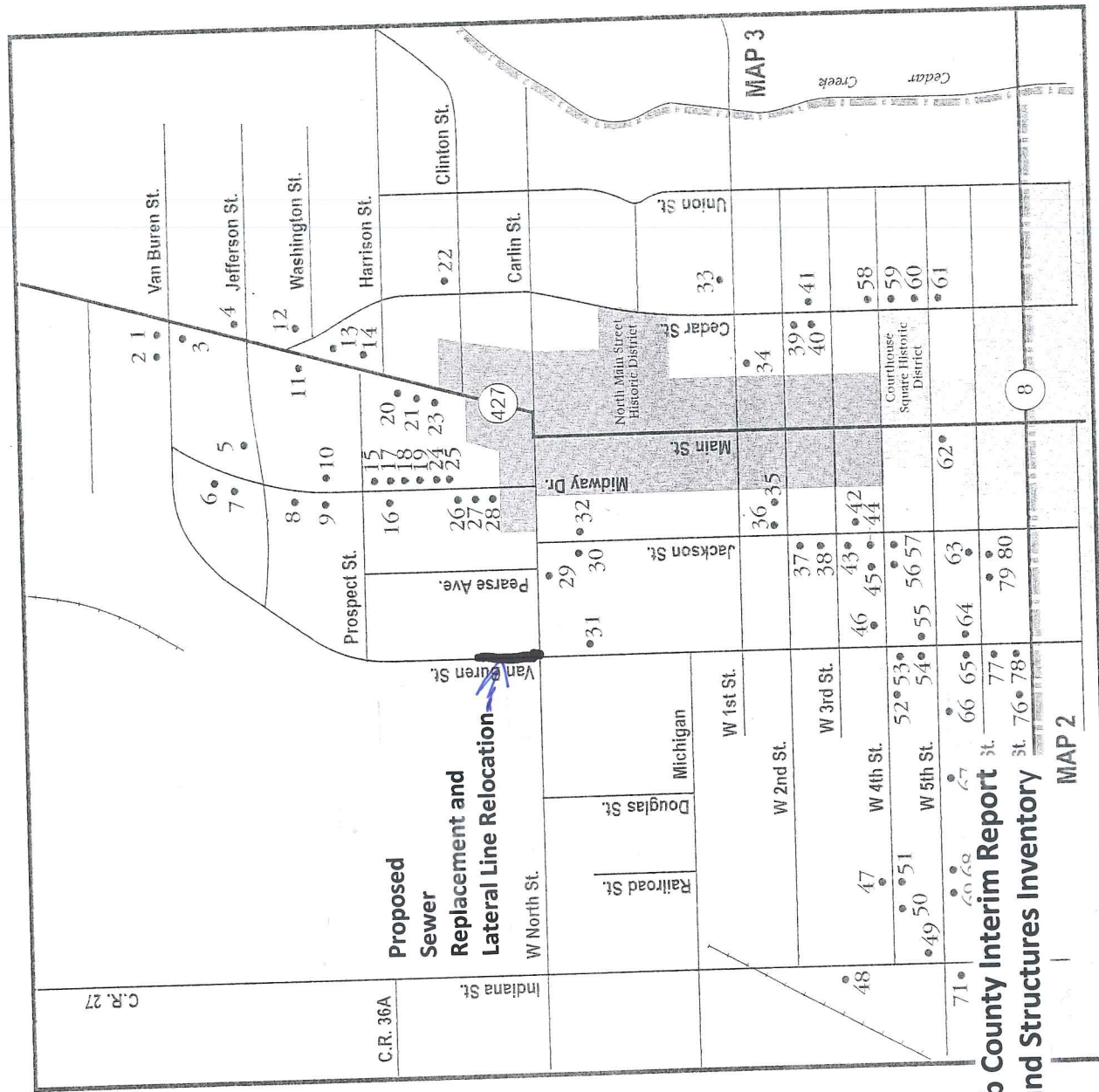


FIGURE 2: from DeKalb County Interim Report  
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory